

U. S. TROOPS IN RANGE OF GERMAN GUNS

Americans Are Moved Up to the Front Where Two Have Already Been Wounded by Teuton Fire; Many Men Slip Out of Camp and Take Part in Actual Fighting With British Tommies; Proud of Their Wounds

Somewhere Along the British Front in France, Sunday Sept. 23.—On a historic battlefield which merges into the fighting lines are encamped many American troops far removed from the rest of their compatriots who form the vanguard of Uncle Sam's expeditionary force in France.

For military reasons it is impossible to tell the world just where these men are, who they are or what they are doing to further the interests of the entente allied cause, but it may be said on authority to friends at home that they are a credit to the Stars and Stripes which for the first time in history fly over a camp of American soldiers in this part of the war-wrecked world.

Some of them have been working continually in a zone covered by German guns and already two of their number have been wounded, a fact whereof they are exceedingly proud.

The Associated Press heard these men were here and sought them. The visit involved a long motor trip, but the sight of their bronzed faces and the sound of their cheerful, determined voices more than repaid for the long journey. They are a fine, healthy looking lot, and nearly two thirds of them are working in the open under real campaigning conditions.

Especially are they prepared and anxious to try honors with the Germans. In fact, their only grievance is that for the present they are not permitted to have work in the open under real campaigning conditions. They want to feel the thrill that one experiences when he goes up all about and sees the rugged steel will be flying in all directions.

In fact, until a stringent order was issued recently, the American officers had a hard time keeping their men out of the British front line trenches. It is said that more than one American soldier has crept away from his post to take a look at the British place beside them for a few glorious minutes while a minor battle was progressing.

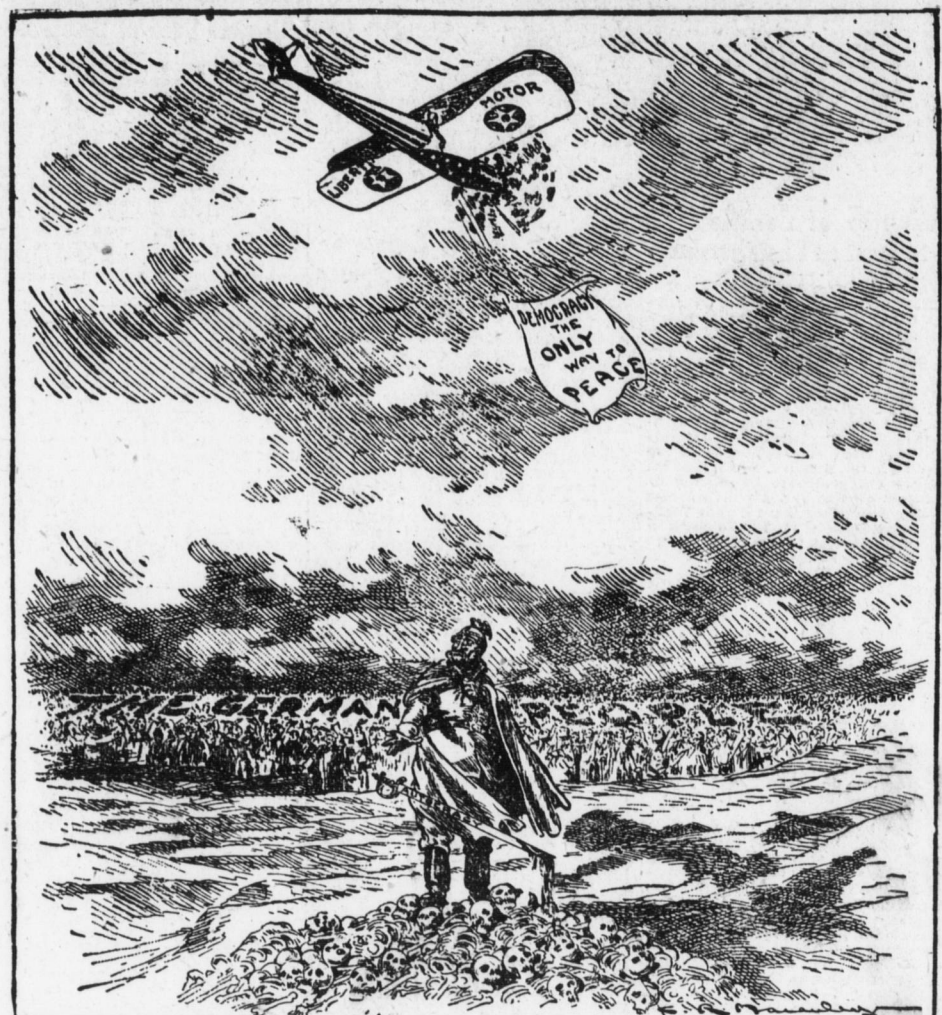
"Over the Top" It would have been unwise perhaps for the correspondent to inquire too closely whether any of the American officers had "done their bit" in this manner, nevertheless the correspondent did not care to suggest that some of them had been "over the top" with their allies in early days before orders forbade it.

Plenty of Beans It was noon when the second camp was reached and the officers and men were preparing for mess. Several clean-cut young officers came out to greet the correspondent and it was a cheery welcome with a firm hand grip and a hearty "I'm mighty glad to see you." One would have known he was in an American camp.

THE CIVIC CLUBS SECOND FLY-MEASURING DAY SEPTEMBER 29 Prizes awarded on 12 flights.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and slightly warmer to-night and Tuesday. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night, slightly warmer in north and west portions, Tuesday fair, slightly warmer. Gentle to moderate northeast to east winds.

WINGS OF FREEDOM



SHOULD PLANT FRUIT AS WELL AS SHADE TREES

Park Department Officials Believe Many People Will Respond

The City Park Department is planning to plant a number of trees this fall in the various parts of the park system where some of the large shade trees were damaged by the storm so which the heavy storm which passed over the city recently.

County School Exercises The city schools will not observe Arbor Day extensively as the children usually plant trees in the spring. However, teachers in the various rooms will give short talks on the importance of shade trees in cities.

U. S. Aviator Brings Down Another Teuton in France

Somewhere on the French Front, Sept. 24.—Lieutenant Raoul Lufbery of Willingford, Conn., one of the most prominent of the Lafayette flying corps, continued his brilliant aerial exploits Saturday when he destroyed one German machine and forced another to land near the front lines.

Reception Committee Will Meet Mr. Kahn

President David E. Tracy of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, has requested the following gentlemen to act as a reception committee to meet Otto H. Kahn of New York City, who will address the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon meeting at 12 o'clock Wednesday, September 26.

MANY NAMED AS SLACKERS HAVE ENLISTED

Board Finds That Majority of Men on List Are Already Serving Uncle Sam

Only five per cent. instead of the original forty per cent. summoned by the War Department will leave here October 3 for Camp Meade. The camp is not able to handle any more at this time. This means that there will be no big movement of selected men from here before the latter part of October.

Local boards of Division 1 and 2 were widely censured Saturday and yesterday for issuing lists containing the names of seventy-seven alleged slackers when later developments showed that a majority of the men mentioned had enlisted.

NEW MAYOR IS SWORN IN AND TAKES UP DUTIES

J. William Bowman Says He Contemplates No Revolutionary Changes

J. William Bowman was sworn in as Mayor of Harrisburg by Acting Mayor Gorgas at a little after 10 o'clock this morning. The oath was administered in the city clerk's office shortly after conference had been held with City Solicitor Fox.

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GERMAN HEAVY GUNS ACTIVE ON WEST FRONT

Heavy Cannonading Takes Place of Recent Infantry Fighting in France

NEW BATTLE EXPECTED

Both Sides Preparing Way For Fresh Assaults in Flanders

London, Sept. 24.—German heavy guns were active early this morning on both banks of the river Scarpe on the Arras front in France, Field Marshal Haig reported to-day. A German raiding party near La Bassesville was driven away after a sharp fight last night with the British. The statement issued to-day by the British war office says: "A hostile raiding party last night near La Bassesville was driven off with loss after a short fight. A few of our men are missing."

GERMANS REPULSED

Heavy cannonading was again in progress last night on the Flanders battle front northeast of Ypres, but the infantry had a relief from the recent hard fighting. The last German reaction was not encouraging enough, apparently, to warrant a speedy repetition, as Field Marshal Haig in his dispatches last night reported that when the Germans assaulted the British lines northeast of Langemarck yesterday they not only were repulsed, but lost ground in a British counter drive.

Signs of possibly important activity impending are appearing in other sections of the British front, notably in the Arras region near the Scarpe, and in the vicinity of Lens, which city is still being closely pressed by the Canadians. Considerable artillery activity is announced from these sectors.

The artillery on both sides is also notably busy on the French front in the Verdun region. Last night its activities reached the stage of intense violence north of the fortress in the Fosse and Chaumes wood regions, Paris reports.

Although suffering a heavy reverse in the recent German operation in the Jacobstadt regions, the Russians on the Riga-Dvinsk front are showing recuperative power and to-day a substantial Russian victory in the sector south of the Riga-Pskoff road.

Taking the offensive here the Russian forces captured the German positions they attacked, retaining them after a hard struggle. The German losses were more than 400 in killed and the Russian took 1,000 prisoners and ten machine guns.

The object of the Russian command in initiating this attack and other not dissimilar operations recently reported from this front very likely may be the rectification of the line east of the Dvina at points where it is now weak. The need of strengthening the line is suggested by the assumption on the part of some of the Russian military critics, that it is the aim of the German command to push forward along toward the southeast for the reduction of Dvinsk, the keystone of the Russian line on the northern front.

The Berlin official statement to-day claims the capture of large quantities of provisions and munitions when Jacobstadt, on the Dvina, was taken in last week's assault.

Means Denies Guilt in Murder of Rich Woman When Hearing Is Begun

Concord, N. C., Sept. 24.—Gaston B. Means, business agent and confidant of Mrs. Maudie A. King, the wealthy widow whose death has resulted in a charge of murder being brought against him, pleaded not guilty at a preliminary hearing begun here to-day.

Yom Kippur Will Be Widely Observed Here

Yom Kippur will be more widely and devoutly observed this year than ever before by Harrisburg Jews. Services will be held at both synagogues starting at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening and continuing until the same hour Wednesday.

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GREAT CUTS IN PRICE OF STEEL ORDERED BY U. S.

Manufacturers and Government in Accord For Big Reduction in Costs

LABOR IS PROTECTED

Maximum Production Agreed Upon as Long as War Continues

Washington, Sept. 24.—Uniform steel prices for the American government, the public and the allies, which represent reductions of from forty to seventy per cent. in present market quotations were approved to-day by President Wilson. The prices were determined in an agreement reached between steel producers and the War Industries Board after conferences lasting more than a month. They were based on cost of production figures furnished by the Federal Trade Commission which made an investigation at the President's direction.

Under powers conferred in the priority of transportation act the War Industries Board will supervise distribution of steel in a manner which will protect the war.

Steel prices agreed upon between the government and producers were announced to-day as follows: Steel bars at Pittsburgh and

Minority Parties to Plan For a Working Agreement

Chicago, Sept. 24.—A political working agreement among the Prohibitionists, Progressives, Socialists, Single Taxers and Union Labor is said to be the purpose of a conference to be held here October 3.

There will be twenty delegates from each contingent, and they will meet behind closed doors.

MORE WARRANTS IN ELECTION MURDER

Philadelphia, Sept. 24.—Additional warrants were issued to-day for unnamed persons charged with complicity in the murder of Policeman George A. Eppley and assault on citizens at the primary election last Wednesday. The police have not yet been able to serve warrants on James Clark, charged with murder and Mike O'Sullivan who is wanted for conspiracy to murder.

4,000 JOIN SHIPYARD STRIKE

Portland, Ore., Sept. 24.—Approximately 4,000 workmen in three Portland steel shipyards laid down their tools to-day and joined the 3,000 men who walked out of the Portland Wooden shipyards recently to enforce their demands for higher wages and the closed shop. Work on government contracts at the yards was halted.

SUIT IS DISMISSED

Harrisburg—The charge of assault and battery brought against City Detective Speese by Harry Block of 516 Dauphin street, was dismissed by Alderman Landis in police court this afternoon.

STRIKE STOPS ARGENTINE RAILWAYS

Buenos Aires, Sept. 24.—A general strike on eleven Argentinean railroads began at midnight last night. Traffic has been absolutely paralyzed on all railroads except some small government lines in the interior. Not a wheel is moving on any railroad entering Buenos Aires.

WOMAN'S BODY EXHUMED

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 24.—Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt, county health officer, to-day acknowledged that he had issued a permit for the examination of the body of Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, former wife of the late H. M. Flagler. He said that he was told that a crime had been committed.

U. S. TORPEDOBOAT DAMAGED

Washington, Sept. 24.—The Navy Department announced to-day that a torpedoboat on patrol duty off the Virginia capes has been disabled by a minor mechanical accident on board and has been towed into port. The accident involved no injury to any of the crew.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Joseph Monroe and Elizabeth Snyder, city. William Garham, White Pine and Bertha Mosman, Lock Haven. Carol Kozick and Mary Fulcom, Steelton. Claude M. Fox, Philadelphia and Martha A. Ross, Middletown. Bros, Junk; Max Cohen & Sons.

EIGHTH REGIMENT IS DISBANDED AT CAMP HANCOCK

Colonel Finney Transferred to Supply Depot to Train Rookies

UNITS ARE TRANSFERRED

Whole Companies Torn Apart to Form Fighting Machine For France

Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., Sept. 24.—Orders for the reorganization of the Pennsylvania National Guard division have been received from the Adjutant General's office in Washington. Five of the time-honored regiments of glorious traditions, the Sixth of Philadelphia; the Fourth of Columbia; the Eighteenth of Pittsburgh; the Eighth of Harrisburg, and the Thirteenth of Scranton, are entirely disbanded, their personnel being transferred to the four regiments that will make up the division strength.

Colonel Maurice E. Finney, commander of the Eighth, has been transferred to the depot brigade and will train new troops. Officers of this brigade probably will not be sent to France.

These four regiments are the First of Philadelphia, to be known hereafter as the 109th, the Third of Philadelphia, to be known as the 110th; the Tenth of Pittsburgh, to be known as the 111th, and the Sixteenth of Pittsburgh, to be known as the 112th. Under this scheme the strength of the division will not be reduced. Its personnel still will continue at more than 27,000 officers and men.

The new order of organization declares that infantry regiments shall have a personnel of 3,616 men, and in order to obey this ruling it will be necessary to draw upon the National Army men now in training at cantonments. About 2,000 of these will be necessary. Commanding officers are advised in effect that vacancies for noncommissioned officers will be filled by noncommissioned officers from each contingent, and they will meet behind closed doors.

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